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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1887.

Gen. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, recently remarked to a reporter: "I hear them say that the late election settles Blaine. Why, bless 'em, it only demonstrates that there is no one stronger in New York than he and makes his nomination a certainty if he will take it."

Ex-Governor E. J. Ormsbee, of Vermont, is in Washington. In reply to a question whom he thought the Republicans would most likely nominate as its candidate for the Presidency in 1888, he said that although it was a question very difficult to answer to any degree of certainty the indications at present seem to point to Mr. Blaine.

Cleveland reform has made a clean sweep in the Ohio post-office. The Democratic love for the soldiers did not prevent the Postmaster from removing an old veteran who served over three years in the field and who has proved a most faithful official to make a place for a party worker. This is the kind of work for which the Mugwumps admire Mr. Cleveland.

The friends of Mackin, the Democratic fire worker who has served two of the five years for which he was sentenced to the penitentiary in Illinois, are to petition Gov. Ogleby for a full pardon. As the Presidential election comes next year the Democratic party are anxious to have Mackin ready to resume operations for Cleveland and reform, but as his sentence in the first place was none too severe he is not likely to escape any portion of it, save the time allowed him for good behavior while under prison regulations.

Since the great Republican victory in Ohio the free trade papers have maintained a discreet silence on the subject of tariff reform in the west. When the Democratic convention was held in Ohio, the platform was hailed as striking the key note of the Democratic campaign next year, it being contended that it appealed to the good sense of the people who were getting tired of the "protection bumb." The Republicans met that issue as they did all others in the canvass in a straightforward manner and the result is to emphasize the truth of the New York *Herald's* confession that the Republican policy "has the support of the majority of the American people."

Because the new Assistant Secretary of State voted for Nicol in the New York canvass the Boston *Herald* bantams to remark: "It is encouraging to find the President getting back to his normal state of mind in this matter." The eagerness with which our Mugwump contemporary pitches upon this ridiculous pretext to set up its man of straw once more only shows how hard pushed it is for material. As the "rule or principle" of the Administration has been to join forces with the machine whenever a point was to be gained, the natural inference is that Mr. Cleveland was in just his "normal state of mind" when he threw the dignity of this office to the winds and wrote a letter indorsing the notorious Col. Fellows for an office for which even the New York *Evening Post* had warned the President he was absolutely unfit. Like many another episode in Mr. Cleveland's career this indorsement is a source of great anxiety to the Mugwumps, but the damning fact cannot be wiped out by any such cheap talk as that quoted from the *Herald*.

Perhaps the most acrimonious of several important controversies to be fought out in the Senate this winter will, according to the information obtained in conversations with Senators, be caused by the appointment of Commissioners, on behalf of this Government to negotiate for the settlement of the fisheries disputes between the United States and the British Colony to the north of us, says a Washington dispatch. Senators of both parties are preparing for the contest, the calculation being that it will be one of the most interesting that has occurred in the Senate during many years. The matter has already drawn forth expressions of opinion from Senators, and although nearly every one refrains from committing himself to a positive prediction as to the result of the discussion, several Republican members have said emphatically that unless mere partisanship shall intervene and control the judgment of Senators, a very severe rebuke will be given to the Administration, not only for having resorted to the commission method of negotiating the settlement of fisheries troubles in alleged defiance of the will of Congress as expressed last winter, but also on account of the manner of appointing the Commissioners.

The Boston *Herald* which is ever ready to proclaim "bloody shirt" when any reference is made to the disfranchisement of voters in the South, has progressed so far in its policy of winking at anything that promises votes for Cleveland that it remains:

We give not the slightest credence to the tales that fraud and intimidation are pursued upon system throughout the southern country. They are the inventions of mischievous partisans, and are accepted only by the most credulous of their own followers.

It makes not the slightest difference what the Herald believes in this connection, as facts are what the people want and the *Herald's* opinion and facts are usually very far apart. As long as a total vote of less than 25,000 elects ten Congressmen in Georgia it is simply silly for the *Herald* or any other paper to insinuate that there is anything like a free ballot in the South. It is by such methods as these, which turn an election into a mere farce, that the South is kept sold. With an honest ballot in the Southern States not only a Democratic House of Representatives, but a Democratic President would be beyond the range of possibilities and it is this fact that leads the *Herald* in its blind admiration of Cleveland to excuse the miserable condition of things that exist in that section to-day. It wants votes for Mr. Cleveland and like that gentleman himself is not particular how they are secured.

More Democratic Villany.

As we imagined would be the case when the lights were turned on the alleged Republican fraud in the Senatorial election in New York, recently referred to by the *Commercial*, turns out to be only another piece of Democratic villainy. A Troy dispatch before the P. C. Court to-day, a dozen witnesses testifying that the open manner of the count in the 21st Watervliet District and the accuracy of the

original return which insured Mr. Russell's election. Peter Leary, the Democratic United States Inspector of Elections, who is reported to have made a confession that he was induced, under the pressure of a bribe, to change his testimony, was subpoenaed as a witness but failed to appear, and it is believed that he has fled. His "affidavit" has not been printed, and to-day's testimony shows that a Republican ticket which would have beaten the Democrats by a majority of 500,000, if it had been allowed to stand, would have been beaten by the Democrats if it had abandoned the fight in a few days and that by the end of the month the Board of Commissioners will count the vote as cast without opposition, giving the result slightly different.

Republican Strength.

An interesting, and perhaps profitable discussion, is to be had among the Republican newspapers in regard to the value of the Mugwump vote. The New York *Tribune* contends that the Republicans are stronger without it, which is equivalent to saying that a Republican ticket which would have beaten the Democrats by a majority of 500,000, if it had been allowed to stand, would have been beaten by the Democrats if it had abandoned the fight in a few days and that by the end of the month the Board of Commissioners will count the vote as cast without opposition, giving the result slightly different.

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THE STATE CONSTABLES.

Mayor Wakefield of Bath Assures the Sagadahoc County Constables of his hearty Co-operation.

The Tribune—Widg and Courier.

Nov. 23. Mayor Wakefield publishes the following letter in this evening's Bath Daily Times:

CITY OF BATH, MAYOR'S OFFICE, Nov. 22, 1887.

To Solomon S. Holmes, John B. Carter, and A. C. Palmer, Esqrs.,

Dear Friends—

I have no contest that for more than a year has been waged over the appointment of State Constables for this county. It ended in your nomination for the honest and responsible position of constable, which has arisen, and has been protracted and steadfast in his devotion to the best and truest principles of our country.

This is now settled.

The constable will continue every good

and upright course.

Bedwell has acted with

a wisdom and good judgment in

making his decision, and is conclusive

in his choice, and steadfast in his devo-

tion to the best and truest principles of

our country.

This unanimous confirmation will

not admit of doubt. From

the time of his nomination, the constable

has been a true and upright constable,

and a true and upright constable

